

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 787

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A RESOLUTION designating November 20, 2010, as "National Adoption Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Tennessee's children deserve the love, care, and security provided by a stable and happy home environment; and

WHEREAS, parents serve as role models for their children, guiding them as they grow to enjoy the benefits of healthy and productive lives as successful adults; and

WHEREAS, for some children, adoption is their best chance for a brighter future, and the Volunteer State is honored to be the home of so many caring, adoptive parents who continually strive to enrich the lives of the children they bring into their homes; and

WHEREAS, National Adoption Day is a national effort to raise awareness of the 129,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families; and

WHEREAS, National Adoption Day has made the dreams of thousands of children come true by working with policymakers, practitioners, and advocates to finalize adoptions and find permanent, loving homes for children in foster care; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1999, more than 25,000 children have been adopted from foster care on National Adoption Day; and

WHEREAS, in observing National Adoption Day we recognize the vital contributions adoptive parents make in the Volunteer State by opening their hearts and their homes to children in foster care; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate November 20, 2010, as "National Adoption Day" in Tennessee and celebrate and honor all families who adopt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage all Tennesseans to make themselves more aware of the needs of the many thousands of children across this nation who are waiting in foster care for permanent, loving, adoptive families, and encourage more families to consider adopting a child out of foster care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.